



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department on Disability Services
Developmental Disabilities Administration

Silver Alert Information Sheet and Consent Form

The Department on Disability Services (DDS), Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) has partnered with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to implement **Silver Alert** for District of Columbia (DC) residents served by DDA.

What is Silver Alert?

Silver Alert is similar to the AMBER Alert. It is a public notification system designed to broadcast information about missing persons who are at high risk for injury or harm if they are lost or missing; such as, seniors with dementia and an adult of any age who has an Intellectual/Developmental Disability, in order to aid in their safe return home.

Silver Alert is overseen by the MPD effective October 24, 2013 per special order (SO-13-10); in collaboration with the District of Columbia Office of Aging (DCOA), Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA), Maryland/DC/Delaware Broadcasters' Association, and District Department of Transportation (DDOT).

Why is Silver Alert important?

Silver Alert provides protection for people whose age or disability put them in imminent danger or at grave risk of bodily harm, if they are lost or missing, by disseminating information about the missing person by using road signs, reverse 911, social media, news broadcasts, and/or the Emergency Alert System (EAS). **Silver Alert** helps in the locating missing persons in order to safely return them home.

What if my loved one lives outside of DC?

DDA has an agreement with MPD that allows people who receive DDA services but live outside of DC to access **Silver Alert**.

Do I have to participate in Silver Alert?

You do not have to participate in **Silver Alert**. Whether or not you enroll in Silver Alert does not impact on the services you receive from DDA. If you or your loved one is lost or missing, DDA will still follow the Missing Person Protocol however, a **Silver Alert** will not be issued on your behalf. Each year at your ISP you will be asked if you would like to be exempt from Silver Alert. If you do not wish to participate and change your mind, but it is not time for your annual ISP, you may do so by notifying your Service Coordinator.



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Consent Form for Silver Alert Participation

I, _____ (print name of participant), have read the Silver Alert Information Sheet and understand Silver Alert is optional. I understand that any photos will be solely used for the purpose of identification and will otherwise remain confidential. I also understand that DDA will continue to follow Missing Person Protocol if I am lost or missing.

☐ *I want to participate in Silver Alert.*

☐ *I DO NOT want to participate in Silver Alert at this time.*

Participant Signature

Date

Signature of guardian or power of attorney
(If relevant)

Date